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Interview Summary	Application No. 10/686,154	Applicant(s) DAVISON, THOMAS W.
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Date of Interview: 02 June 2009.

Type: a) Telephonic b) Video Conference
c) Personal [copy given to: 1) applicant 2) applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes e) No.
If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: independent claims 1, 13, 23, 26, 37.

Identification of prior art discussed: Graber et al.-5,370,647.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) was reached. g) was not reached. h) N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: the Applicant will put more structural limitations in the claims to further define "the support arm" to maintain the elongate body in a stable position and the elongate body is more useful because the distal portion is rotatable relatively to the proximal portion of the elongate body.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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